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## **SCHNEIDER KREUZNACH launches new product line**

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Schneider-Kreuznach ISCO Division GmbH & Co KG in Göttingen has launched a new product line with special-purpose and custom-made sapphire lenses. It comprises components and lenses made of sapphire for extremely harsh environments and high loads. Sapphire lenses are suited both to applications with high laser output and aggressive conditions, for example with acids, very high or low temperatures, etc. In addition, sapphire is used as a material for lenses in the aerospace industry, where scratch resistance and high temperature stability are essential. Its properties also include extremely high thermal conductivity and optical transparency from the short to long (UV and IR) wavelength range.

About the Schneider Group:

The Schneider Group specializes in developing and producing high-performance photographic lenses, cinema projection lenses, as well as industrial optics and precision mechanics. The group comprises Jos. Schneider Optische Werke, founded in Bad Kreuznach in 1913, and its subsidiaries Pentacon (Dresden), Schneider Kreuznach Isco Division (Göttingen), Schneider-Optics (New York, Los Angeles), Schneider Bando (Seoul), Schneider Asia Pacific (Hong Kong) and Schneider Optical Technologies (Shenzhen). The company's main brand is "Schneider-Kreuznach". It has around 640 employees worldwide, with 330 based in its German headquarters. For years now the group has been a world market leader in the area of high-performance lenses.

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